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REMARKS

This response is submitted in response to an Office Action mailed on June 13, 2006. At the time of the Office Action, claims 1-40 were pending.

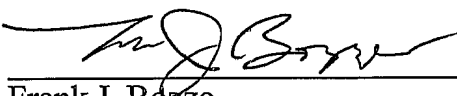
The Office Action directs that applicant to elect one of two groups of claims, either group I, including claims 1-13, and 27-40, or group II, including claims 14-26. Without traverse, applicant hereby amends the claims and elects to prosecute the claims in group I, including claims 1-13 and 27-40. The claims in group II, including claims 14-26, are hereby withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-13 and 27-40 are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment, as well as consideration and prompt allowance of the claims. If any issue remains unresolved that would prevent allowance of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney to resolve the issue.

Respectfully Submitted,

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